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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

COGGAN ET AL.

Examiner

Dawn Garrett

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 May 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9-13 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 14-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on May 24, 2007 has been entered.
2. The claim amendment filed April 24, 2007 has been entered as requested. Claims 1, 6, 8, 10, and 12-14 were amended. The species under consideration is Formula (I) wherein R2 and R3 are fused heteroaromatic rings and R1 and R4 are hydrogen. In Formula (II) this same species is where R5 and R6 are heteroaromatic rings and R1-R4 are hydrogen. (It is noted that Formulas (III) and (IV) have not been included because of their requirements for R7 and R8 substituent groups, which are not present in the selected species). Claims 9-13 are currently withdrawn as non-elected.
3. The rejection of claims 8, 9, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement is withdrawn due to the amendment.
4. The rejection of claims 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention is withdrawn due to the amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

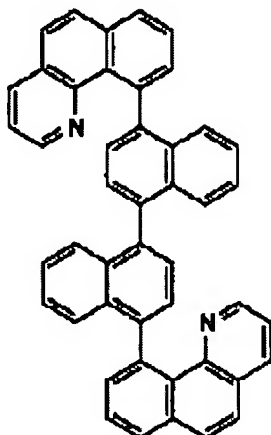
5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1, 2, 5-8, and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzurisato et al. (JP 2002-324676). Suzurisato et al. teaches organic electroluminescent devices, which may comprise an electron transporting material (see par. 98) such as the following (see par. 100):

2-7



The substituent groups attached to the bi-naphthyl group are deemed to meet the requirement of a "heteroaryl or substituted heteroaryl of from 5 to 24 carbon atoms necessary to complete a fused heteroaromatic ring of furyl, thienyl, pyridyl, quinolinyl, and triazinyl" as the substituent is considered to be a fused heteroaromatic ring of quinoline or pyridine with a number of carbon atoms within the claim limitation range. Since none of furyl, thienyl, pyridyl, quinolinyl or triazinyl have as many as 24 carbon atoms, the claim limitation is interpreted to encompass fused ring systems having the heteroaryl components.

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The reference teaches any of the disclosed electron transportation materials may be used for the luminescent material of the luminous layer (see par. 107). In addition, any well known dopant is taught to be used with the luminous material in the luminous layer (see par. 109) per claims 2 and 15. With regard to claims 5-7 and 14, the reference discloses the EL device has an anode, hole injection layer, hole transportation layer, luminous layer, electron transportation layer, electron injection layer and cathode layer (see par. 159). With regard to claim 16, an indium tin oxide anode can be formed at a thickness of 200nm (see par. 169), the hole injection layer may be formed of copper phthalocyanine (see par. 54) and the buffer layers (the hole injection layer as named by Suzurisato et al.) may be in a thickness of 0.1 to 100 nm (see par. 56), the hole transportation layer is formed of a tertiary amine (see par. 65) and is formed in a thickness of 5nm-5 micrometers (see par. 84), the thickness of the luminous layer is 5nm to 5 micrometers (see par. 119), the cathode may comprise a magnesium and silver alloy of 200 nm thickness (see par. 170). Although Suzurisato et al. fails to set forth an *example* showing specific formula 2-7 binaphthyl compound as the luminous material, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have formed devices as claimed, because Suzurisato et al. teaches all of the required materials and elements of the claimed EL devices.

7. Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzurisato et al. (JP 2002-324676) in view of Hoag et al. (US 6,824,893). Although Suzurisato teaches any well known dopant is taught to be used with the luminous material in the luminous layer (see par. 109), the reference fails to specify a particular dopant compound or dopant amount that is added to the luminous layer per claims 3 and 4. Hoag et al. teaches, in analogous art, an important relationship for choosing a dye as a dopant is that the dopant have a smaller bandgap than that of

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the host material with regard to claim 3 (see col. 13, lines 28-34). Dopants are typically used in an amount of up to 10 wt% of the host (see col. 2, lines 49-53). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have selected a dopant having a smaller bandgap than the host for the luminescent layer of Suzurisato and to have added the dopant in an amount up to 10wt% of the luminous layer, because Hoag teaches in analogous art that dopants with such a bandgap property and used in such an amount are commonly known and used in the art and one would expect dopants selected and used in the same way for the Suzurisato devices to be similarly useful.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. The species considered in the Office action mailed (7/27/06) is considered to comprise allowable subject matter. Applicant is also reminded that the very first species selected by applicant is allowable subject matter. (See previous Office actions).

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments filed May 24, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues Suzurisato et al. does not teach or suggest "a fused heteroaromatic ring of furyl, thienyl, pyridyl, quinolinyl, and triazinyl". As stated in the current rejection, the substituent groups attached to the bi-naphthyl group of the Suzurisato compound 2-7 are deemed to meet the requirement of a "heteroaryl or substituted heteraryl of from 5 to 24 carbon atoms necessary to complete a fused heteroaromatic ring of furyl, thienyl, pyridyl, quinolinyl, and triazinyl" as the substituent is considered to be a fused heteroaromatic ring comprising quinoline or pyridine together with a number of carbon atoms within the claim limitation range. Since

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none of furyl, thienyl, pyridyl, quinoliny l or triazinyl groups *alone* have as many as 24 carbon atoms, the claim limitation is interpreted to encompass fused ring systems having heteroaryl rings.

Conclusion

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dawn Garrett whose telephone number is (571) 272-1523. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached at (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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